

February 17, 2021

County of Riverside **Board of Supervisors** 4080 Lemon Street, 5th Floor Riverside, CA 92501

**RE: Request Placement of County-run Vaccination Site in Murrieta** 

Dear Riverside County Board of Supervisors,

The City of Murrieta thanks you for your efforts to protect and support our residents during this unprecedented public health crisis. To continue these efforts, we are writing to request placement of a County-run vaccination site in Murrieta.

The closest County vaccination sites are in Riverside and Perris. As there is no vaccination site in Southwest Riverside County, our residents, and those in neighboring Temecula, Wildomar, and unincorporated areas, are at a distinct disadvantage. This especially applies to our large population of vulnerable seniors, many of whom do not have the means to travel to other County sites to receive the vaccine and subsequent second dose.

As you know, a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is one of the most important tools we have to end the COVID-19 pandemic. We urge you to place a vaccination site in Murrieta and help to ensure that everyone in our community who wishes to participate has access to this potentially lifesaving vaccine. The City has worked with County Public Health to make COVID-19 testing available locally to our residents; and in getting vaccination information to those that need it, particularly in our senior communities. The City is likewise ready to assist in placing a vaccination site in Murrieta, including finding a location.

On behalf of the residents of Murrieta and the surrounding region, we thank you in advance for your full consideration and expedient action in the establishment of a local vaccination site. We are grateful for your efforts and partnership during these challenging times and have no doubt; we will emerge stronger from this crisis together.

Sincerely,

Scott Vinton Mayor

Jonathan Ingram Council Member

Christi White Mayor Pro Tem

Lisa DeForest Council Member

Council Member